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Hon. William P. Rogers
Secretary of State
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Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the Bulgarian National Front, the Organization which leads and represents all the Bulgarian anticommunists exiles in the United States helping the Bulgarian people in its struggle for liberation, and, in honor of the thousands and thousands of Bulgarians who gave their lives or were imprisoned for years and years or in concentration camps fighting for freedom, and, in defense of the dignity of the enslaved Bulgarian people who suffer very badly under the communist oppression, I am writing you this letter, today, the 27th Anniversary of Bulgaria's capture by the Communists (September 9, 1944), in order to ask you for a investigation to establish and recognize the fact that Bulgaria was captured by the Communists on September 9, 1944, not in 1948 as it appears now in the official records of the Department of State, and we would be pleased to see the records corrected accordingly.

We expected that the new Administration would have discovered that the Department of State was misled purposely by former communist collaborators during the time of the previous Administration, and hoped that correction of the official records of the Department of State would have taken place. But because nothing was done till now, and since the false records concerning the time when Bulgaria was captured by the Communists continue to be used in all official statements and publications which help the Communists and deeply hurt the spirit of the Bulgarian people fighting for freedom, I am writing you this letter asking for action.

Former collaborators of the Communist Government in Bulgaria, living now in the United States, who collaborated with the Communists in Bulgaria from September 1944 to 1948, in order to cover their crimes they misled the Department of State by giving false reports about happenings in Bulgaria on September 9, 1944 and later up to 1948. On the basis of these false reports the Department of State composed its records towards the political situation in Bulgaria of that time but it did not represent the truth.

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The bloody terror in Bulgaria started right on the first day, September 9, 1944 when the Red Army occupied the country and without any election, against the wishes of the people, Moscow appointed a Communist Government in Sofia. Many of the communist collaborators, mentioned above, received high government positions and faithfully served the communists from September 9, 1944 up to the time they left Bulgaria. These men are equally responsible, together with the communists, for the bloodshed. Over 100,000 persons were murdered during that period of time, and three times many more were for years in jails and concentration camps. Many of them died there.

The Organization of the Bulgarian National Front is collecting the names of the victims of the Communist terror in Bulgaria, as proof. We now have ready a list of over 10,000 names of people murdered by the Communist Government before 1948. The list is on disposal any time.

We have here also now many Bulgarian refugees who suffered under the Communist terror during the same time. They were in jails and concentration camps ; they were witnesses to the murders of their relatives and friends during the same time -September 9, 1944 to 1948.

It is a shame that even now the influence of the above mentioned Communist collaborators is tolerated and the official records of the Department of State are still based on their false reports.

This fact is widely known among the Bulgarian people and exiles and damage very strongly the prestige of the United States in Bulgaria while favoring the Communists.

It is high time the matter be investigated and the truth be established regarding the official records of the Department of State. They should be corrected to state that Bulgaria was captured by the Communists on September 9, 1944 not in 1948 as it appears.

We believe that you Mr. Secretary should give very serious consideration to the problem brought to your attention by this letter and hope that action will take place without delay.

Thank you.

Sincerely ,


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